

We are Here to Listen, Learn,
and **Prevent Loss of Life**
from Overdose

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OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW AND NEXT OF KIN INTERVIEWS Save Lives

Overdose fatality review works to identify system gaps and develop a plan for overdose prevention in our community. This involves confidential death review (or case review) by a dedicated team that examines a loved one's life history, including drug use, health events, trauma, law enforcement encounters, and treatment history – all to acquire a better understanding of missed opportunities for overdose prevention.

Conducting reviews help identify patterns of need and enables improved coordination and collaboration among public health and safety officials, providers, and community. The goal is to prevent future overdose deaths.

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NEXT OF KIN INTERVIEWS Share Their Whole Story

Next-of-kin interviews provide a comprehensive understanding a loved one's life and his/her death, hopes, dreams, fears, friends, and family. These interviews deepen the understanding of life experiences and factors leading to the overdose.

Interviews help expand the understanding of life experiences and identify nontraditional touchpoints or systems not represented by the overdose fatality review team. This information is used to identify potential gaps in services, community-specific prevention points, and intervention strategies that can help prevent future overdose loss.

While **overdose fatality reviews gather varying amounts of information, next-of-kin interviews often fills gaps to tell the full story**, such as details about previous abuse, stressors, brain injuries, relationship issues, barriers to care, or events post-release from services. These details can add crucial context to a loved one's life.

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